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The Blind Men and the Elephant.

It was six mon of tedescate, To bearing much inchect, Who work to see the obsphered, (Though all of them were billed,) That each by observation Might satisfy his mind.

The first approached the elephant, And happening to full, Against his bread and clurdy side, At more began to leave: "God bless me"—but the elephant is very tire a wall."

The second, feeling of the task, tried, "He's what have we here So very round, and smooth and sharp! To me'lls very queen; The wonder of an espirant Is very like a spens!"

The shird approached the selmal, And, hoppening to take The systeming trust within his hands, Thus up and holdly spoke; I her," justilities, the dephant Is very like a scale; 19

The fairsh resched out his caser hand, And this about the save; When must his moutherful toward is like Leuting partit," quick his. The clear council, the step save. If the Jilook free.

The 18th who chanced to touch the nor, such ... Even the bilindest man.
Can tell what this resembles most—
Dony the first who can.
This morres of an elephant
Le very like a form.

The sixth no pooner had begun
About the beart to grope.
Than setting on the exinging tail
Tout fel within his scope.
I see, "quoth he," the dephant
Is very like a rope!"

So these man of Indoostan Disputed load and long. Each in the sem optimal Exceeding stiff and strong. Though cash was partly in the right, And all were in the worns.

So, oft in the theologic wars. The disputants, I were, Rail on in other ignorance. Of what the others mean, And prate about an elepiant. Not one of them has were

MISCELLANY.

Terrible Adventure on a Volcano.

in Iceland, just before its terrible eruption vice." in 1845, and the following is his narative of

worthy of a better description than I am opened far, far down into the heart of the lost antly be set to work with his iver push on, ascending summit after summit on zigzag in shape, and emitted strongly the limbs, but had scarcely made any progres of chaos, you instinctively pray God, with bissing, boiling, surging sound, with some- the next more are feel both fallen, being ful some. an icy shudder shivering through your mis-erable frame, to restore you to the life you and gentle pulls of heard air.

The place, the scene, and withat the of the pit, and any moment we might both seem to have left forever behind you.

mind the awful scene of desolation that sur- there with a sort of mognetic fascination, "Quick, muster," cried the guide, "un sounded me, when at last I stood more than and I soon found my elf strongly tempted up! and run for your life!"

midnight, the snow and not in all that region .. a shrub, a blade, or even a solitar, thing, excepting self and guide. Far a the eye could reach, when the moving red ! clouds permitted me to see, was a successings sion of black, rugged hills, snow-erowned pay peaks, glistening g'aciers, and ice-hound dis streams, into whose inanimate solitude no le uman foot had ever penetrated—a world f without plant or life-the very abomination of desolation-filled with yawning chasms, dreadful abyeses and midnight caves which have never echoed any sound but the thur ders of heaven, and the groanings and g vulsions of earth. So wild and terr was the scene that I felt a strange t like madness, rush through my shir frame, and quiver about my dizzy and I shouted to break the still death, and heard my voice come back in a hondred echoes till it he lost in the bawels of the ur

Wrapping one of the blank

to protect me from the freez'

enutiously using my pointed ery foot of ground before u to move about, over blocks, hills of lava, and reross parrow chasaithful gaide keeping near, and ofen warn- els of the earth. " I supper

said, turningo the guide.

man led, have you never seen this spot be-

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"I have seen this place before, master." he replied, " but never anything like this, When I was here last there was no hollow here, but only a level plain of snow and fee

"Indeed !" excluimed I, feeling strangely interest d. " what, then, do you infor? that there is to be a fresh eroption?"

caused this change? You see there is heat and I prayed to Gald as I never prayed below, which has melted the thick glacier, before, for a forgiveness of my sins, that and only few strenks of he remain upon they might not, follow me to judgment. It

down and laid my hand upon it.

moment. Let us hasten down and report ening vapors that made my brain grow dizwhat we have seen."

ested and fascinated by the perilous novel- any moment, and another would be the last ty. "I do not think there is any immedia of me. Home and friends I should never ate danger, for the snow and ice, it is plain see again, and my tomb would be the volto be seen, have melted slowly, and before eanic Heeln. I strove with the madness of I go away never to return, I should like to desperation to disengage my imprisoned venture into this basin and look down into timbs, but I might as well have altempted one of those chasms."

with nervous anxiety; "do not do it; it awaiting. Oh, God of mercy! what a fate! might cost you your life."

out lils consent.

Mr. Carl Steinman visited mount Hecla, ber, mas'er, you go down against my ad- turned to save me, if possible, by risking

The crater or hollow was about fifty feet he deserves. early hour, on the morning following my stopping to try the temper of the lava with expressing commingled terror and pity. arrival in Salsun (at the foot of the extinct my hand, and finding it gradually grow "You did! vou did! " crie! I, " but oh volcano), praying for fair weather, good warm as I proceeded, though not sufficients forgive and save me !" from the first, was so different from any I I reached the bottom, and stood on the I will save you if I can save you or perhad ever seen outside of Iceland as to be verge of one of the seams or chasms, which ish with you."

O how shall I attempt to convey to any sense of danger connected with it, held me be harled to destruction.

I it down and listend to the hollow estination. It was an awful depth, and federal capital :-

at thron of teembling nature. | er's Ferry affair. help ! help! for the love of God.

slat" I stream d in the very agony of I looked up and around to catch a glimper hat there is to be a fresh eroption?" of my guide; but he was gone, and I had.
"I fear so, master: what else can have nothing to rely on by the mercy of Heaven; part of the sides, while the center is gone." might be a second, it might be a mirrore, it ing of warmth, too!" I rejoined as I bent to undergo a living seath, but he the time long or short, I fel there was no escape "Let us leave, master!" returned the from a doom that even now makes me grow fellow, hurrically, looking round with an ex- pale and shudder doen I think of it. Above preseion of plarm. "I do not like to us me was a clear the sk -beneath me a min here; we may be destroyed at any black and horrity styre around me sick-

zy. Rumbling and bissing sounds warned "Nay," said I, feeling strangely inter- me that another convulsion might occur at to move a mountain. There I was fixed "Oh, no, master!" replied the guide, and fastened for the terrible death I was

Suddenly I heard a shout, and, looking "At least I will risk it, if you will agree around, I beheld, with feelings that I canto wait for me," said I, fully determined on not describe, my faithful guide, hastening the venture, even though I were to go with down the rugged sides of the crater to my relief. He had fled in terror at the firs "I will wait," he answered, "but remem- alarming demonstration," but had nobly rehis life for mine. May God reward him as

a fearful adventure which happened to him in depth, with gently sloping sides; and "I warned you master," he said, as he upon that sublime and desolate elevation :- using my pointed stick with the greatest came up panting, his eyes half starting Having secured a guide I set out at an care, I forthwith began the descent, often from his head, and his who's countenance

luck, and a safe return. The scenery, even by so to excite any alarm. In a short time "You are already forgiven, master, and

able to give. Suffice it to say that, as you mountain. It was about four feet in width, pointed stick to break the lava around my your way to the great and awful center of peculiar odor before mentioned. A small when again the earth trembled, and the all, you find the danger, dreariness and des- trickling stream from a melling layer of ice blocks parted, one of them rolling down olation increases to the most terrible sub- above, was running into it; but I could into the yawning chasm with a dull hollow limity, till at last when you do finally stand only see that it was lost in the deep dark- sound. I sprang forward-I seized a hand on the highest point in this unliving world ness below, from which came up a kind of of the guide-we both swoggled hard, and

or thousand feet above the level of the to make a fatal plunge into the awful I staggered to my feet with a wild cry highest peak of the barren abyss. Knowing by experience that rea- of hope and fear, and half supported by my al hours -three on horse- son is not always able to control the actions faithful companion, harried up the sloping and deaf to the entreaties of my frightened explosion, and looking back, I beheld with of the division, and consisting of a troop of arm and looked at me from head to foot, to the who now began to implore me to re- horror, a dark, smoking pit, where we had mounted cavalry; twelve executioners on find out the deadly wound which he was 4 set been in action for to see more, I turned and fled over the with the prisoner and a priest, and an addi-*sfore his birth, I rough ground as fast as my bruised limbs tional company of mounted excairy, entered the grass and gave thanks to a gracious aw no more of the would let me. We reached our horses in at the right and passed through the entire God. Having done so, he took up his ax therefore prefer- safety, and hurrying down the mountain lines—the bands playing the dead march as and found a few hairs upon its edge. He ctates of my own feel- gave the alarm to the villagers who joined the mournful train moved slowly on. The turned to the log he had been splitting, and as fears; and as I was to us in our flight across the country till a prisoner were a flat felt hat and military his services, felt but little safe distance was gained. Here I bade overcost, and leaned upon the arm of his harried from a place which adieu to my faithful guide, rewarding him confessor, who was carnestly counselling so much time, money and as a man grateful for the preservation of him. The men chosen to act as the firing heed, therefore, to his carnest days later, when the long extinct Heela on's regiment, selected by lot and armed renewed thanks upon his lips he took up the I now resolved to sound, it was again convulsing the island and send- with carbines. Their faces were painfully edepth of the chasm before me, ing forth its mighty tongues of fire and selema, and gave evidence that they keenly proceed to inspect the others; streams of melted lava, I was far away felt the melancholy nature of the tack imthis purpose I pried off from a from the subtime and awful scene, thanking posed upon them. e a small block of lava, and ad- God I was alive to tell the story of my to the very edge of the chasm, wonderful escape from a burning tomb,

erations, as it went bounding from How John BROWN SAVED THE CAP- wagon and placed upon the ground; Johnsaide, long after it was lost to the eye. ITAL.-The Washington correspondent of son sat open it in full view of the entire asdepth was so immense that I heard it the Boston Journal tells the following sin- semblage. The trembling mark of all eyes, nore than a minute, and then the sound gular story, of the way in which John he was too near the contines of eternity to med rather to die out from distance than Brown's lawless raid into Virginia became be affected by outward circumstances, and now cease because the block had reached its the remote cause of the salvation of the did not lift his head. The priests perform-

of hot, sulphurous air rushed and roared chivalry qualled, they seized not only John ered his eyes with a handkerchief, and eight upward, followed by a steam-like vapor. Brown, but a quantity of powder within the men, drawn up at six paces, were ordered and a heavy, bollow sound, as if a cannon building, which he had brought from Penn- to discharge their carbines. nit-falls and patches of snow and ice, my had been discharged for down in the bow- sylvania. After Brown and his party were There was a breathless silence while the secured, the powder was placed in one of provost murshal went up to Johnson to asing me to be careful of my steps. In this This new manifestation of the powers the brick buildings, where it remained till certain the effect of the shots. Several manner 1 at length ascended a ridge of of nature fairly startled me into a desire April last. When the United States troops bullets had entered the body, but life was insiderable elevation, stumbing my way for flight, and I had already turned for the found that the Virginia forces were pre- not extinct. The prisoner clasped his arms to the top, and now and flich displacing purpose, when suddenly there came a sort paring to make a descent upon the ferry upon his breast, and his grouns were frefragments of lava that frolled crashing of rumbling crash, and the ground, shaking, for the purpose of capturing the arms they quent and terrible. For a moment he redown behind me. As ya I had seen no beaving and rolling under me, began to looked about for ammunition. They did tained his sitting position, then fell heavily signs of the mouth of he crater, which, crumble off into the dread abyse. I was not dure to visit the magazine, for there across the coffin. Death would probably eighty years before his vomited forth its thrown down, and on my hands and knees, were sharp eyes which watched every have ensued with little delay, but in order terriffic and desolatin streams of melted praying God for mercy was scrambling movement, and as attemp to take powder to make it certain, the four remaining exeblack sand; but on riching the summit of over it and upward to save myself from a from there would precipiate an attack cutioners were ordered up, and, levelling thirst, I beg of you. this ridge, I looked own into a sort of ba- most horrible fate, when two blocks, rolling Then it was that John Brown's powder was their carbines at his head, literally scattered sin, open at the ler side, and having together, caught my feet and legs between valuable. It was in small packages, and his brains on the surrounding sod. A ball thing. some three or purplecy seams or chusms them, and without actually crushing, held where it could be taken and distributed unhich the melting snow them as if in a vice. Then came another beknown to any oursiders. It was placed penetrated his jaws, incerating them in a the blessings you now enjoy; can you so carlly regard the South as oppressed and ice on itselfs were running in small crash and crumble, the lava slid away from in the different buildings, the trains were shocking manner, and a third dashed thre' interpritably reject me from your home? streams. Apolilar and not very agree- behind me, and I was left upon the very laid, and just as the Virginians thought the his heart, letting out its warm blood in a P.-Reject you! Who the divit talked The able odor cane ip with a thin, smoky vapor, verge of the awful gulf, now widened to prize was theirs, they found that the flames copious stream. The ra was a convulsive about rejecting you? May be I am not And the enemy has been most diligi and I fancied could hear a distant sound, some fifteen or twenty feet, down into which were ahead of them. It was designed that shudder of the body, a ghastly contortion the scarvy spalpeen you take mo to be. Long before we could realize the possibilseen a gurgle and a rumble. I looked with horror-strained eyes, only to the several thousand stand of arms there of the face, a gasping groun and all was John Wilson. You asked me to let you lie ity of civil war, treason was doing its this is the original crater," I see darkness and death below, and breatle stored should be distributed in Baltimore. over. The poor, mutilated body, from on my floor, or my stable, work here. More than a year ago promise the almost sufficienting vapors that rushed where, as you know, the outbreak immedia- which every vestige of life had gone, fell Now, by the powers I d'ye think I'd do that ing the wrongs of the south as so The felle was as pale as death, and ev- up from that seemingly bottomless pit. tely occurred, and that thence a descent upon the soft grass and sank in its own clot- when I have a dozen soft beds all empty? that they could not be endured; the ery featur spressed surprise allied to fear. Oh, the horrors of that awful realization, would be made upon Washington. So John ted blood. The deserter, the traitor, the Now, by the Hall to Hoath, John Wilson election of an abolition president was to "What the matter?" I quickly de- what pen or tongue can portray them? - Brown's powder saved the capital. All of culprit had paid the awful penalty due to that I won't. In the second place, you told followed by violent emmanpations

bless but conscious prisoner, sus- this will appear, I am informed, with satis- offended justice and an outraged country, the mouth of a black and factory evidence, in the report of the com- The bandage was removed from the eyes. to be harfed downward by mittee appointed to investigate the Harp- the body stretched beside the coffin, and

> " 2sto Brown's body her monldering in the grave, But his out is marching on "

A Deserter's Fata.

Washington, Dec. 15, 1861.

result. The proof of his guit was conclutheir unfortunate comrade, and for which less expectation, not knowing what could sive, and the centence of death passed by they are now in irons, and likely to suffer possibly be the cause of this diebolical row. the court was confirmed by Gen, McClel- severe ponishment, lan, who said :- " For simple desertion, the penalty is death; for desertion coupled with sech treachery, there can de no mercy."

leans, where he was born and where his pose, a curl from the head of a dear child mother still resides, and then to join the long since gone to God."-"It is not. It is night visitors to his prison found him in

the country singularly cheerful for the sea- down with all its force. I was too late to son. The regiments came up in good order, stop the blow. Down came the ax. I and were as by magic formed into line. A screamed, and my father fell to the ground in terror. He could not stay the stroke, In a few moments all had passed from

was surrounded by the troops in double col. and in the blindness a hich the sudden horumn, and the utmost decorum was observed his life might be supposed to do. A few party were one from each company in John-

When the procession had gone the rounds it filed into the centre of the hollow square. The coffin was removed from the ed a final service. The doomed man ejaccarfully impressed me with the terrible; "When the marines dashed up to the ulated a few words of confession and warnand as I drew back with a shudder, a gust door of the engine house, where Virginia ing to his fellow-soldiers; the marshal cov-

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soon the long lines of soldiery began to file past with s'ow and silent steps. All saw seemed pained and impressed with the sad gave me a free home. The Excention of Juhason at Pairfax. sight. There was no levity, no indifference, no cruel joking, as is too often the On the fourth day of the present month, case at civil executions, and there can be be the enemy's country. Fortunately, Cal. attendance, told me that on no occasion had of all kinds, and in all quarters of the globe, who had been on a scout with a small nam- tracts and good books which he offered for or intensely interesting a classe as that abber of men, met him and ingeniously en- distribution. I am persuaded that this im- out to be described: trapped him into a full disclosure of his de-sign while was to go over to the rabels must have a sa'utary effect upon the whole Briwe, a small military post on the backs and give them many details of the strength army. The terrible fate of Johnson will of the Great Fish river, where my frind W. and position of our army. After hearing stamp the infambus crime of descriton with was stationed. One evening, as my friend his dasardly plans, Col. Taylor, whom he increased oblogay, and go far to dissuade and I were returning home after a somehad presumed to be a rebel officer, prompt- any who may have contempated it from what fatiguing day's buck-shooting, we were ly remarded him to his camp, where he was attempting the fatal step. Johnson's death startled by hearing the most extraordinary ground and placed in close co finement. would have been made sure at the first fire noises not far from us. It seemed as if all On Westnesday last a court martial was had not two or three of the carbineers re- the demons in the infernal regions had been sembled by order of the commander-in fored to discharge their pieces-a well unclaimed and were amusing themselves chief for the trial of Johnson. The case meant, but as it proved, inhuman emission, by trying to frighten us poor mortals by was a plain one, and there could be but one contributing to augment the sufferiogs of their horrid yelling. We stood in breath-

A CURL CUT OFF WITH AN AXE.-Johnson made a full confession of his you see this lock of hair ?" said an old man The afternoon was beautiful beyond de- so I stumbled forward, and in a moment my there was a single curl from his boy's hair, sharply cut through and laid upon the wood. How great the escape! It was as if an angel had turned aside the edge at the moment when it was descending on my head. With eurl, and went home with me in his arms. That lock he kept all his days, as a memorial of Gods care and love. That lock he

> left to me on his death-bed." ECCENTRIC HOSPITALITY .- During the American war of 1812, a soldier who had heen wounded and honorably discharge, be- the Marseiliaise, was exhumned the other ing destitute and benighted, knocked at the day to be transferred from the old grave door of an Irish farmer, when the following yard at Choi-y le Roi near Paris, to the dialogue ensued :--

Soldier .- My name is John Wilson. from, John Wilson?

f .- And what do you want here?

P .- Divil take me if I do, John Wilson. S .- On your kitchen floor, sir ?

P .- Not I, by the Hill 'o Howth. S .- In your stable, then?

S .- I'm dying with hunger. Give me a read :bone and a crust; I will ask no more. P .- Divil blow me if I do, sir.

P .- Beg and be hanged; I'll do no such S .- Sir! I have been fighting to secure twist and travestic everything. They gen-

me you wert dying with highlest, and wants ed a house und, etent to gat. New, honey dye think kill it d a housers man on boned and trusts when my ward is full of guillets, and trusts when my ward is full of guillets, and trait, when my yard is full or purposes and twikers and pigs? No, by the powers i not 5. Apar's flat. In the third place, you asking for some simple water to quene your thirst. Now as my water is none of the last, I haver offer it to a poor tribuler, without mixing it with plenty of wine.—
Come informations, toney; shall blow me,
but you shall sie p in the best field I have; you shall have the best supper and breaks last that my farm can supply; you shall drink as much as you like, provided you mix it with plenty of wine. It shall never the mangled form of him who had so lately be said that I treated a man scurvily who lived and moved in their ranks, and all has been lighting for the dear country which

A Tiger Killed by Baboons.

The following account of a tiger chase is William H. Johnson, aged 23 years, a mem- little doubt that the lesson which the com- extracted from the North Lincols Sphynz, her of the Lincoln cavalry, deliberately mander in chief sought to impress upon the a regimental paper published at Graham's drave beyond the picket lines of our army division to which Johnson belonged had the Town, Cape of Good Hope. The writer, "And the ground here line a slight feel- might be an hour flat I should have thus of the Potomee, into what he supposed to desire! effect. A colporteur, who was in after alluding to his sporting experiences Taylor, of the third New Jersey regiment, he found the soldiers so ready to accept the declares that he never witnessed so novel

with all sorts of strange conjectures flashing across our minds.

Neurer and nearer the yelling and scream-(BUT NOT WITHOUT AN AXE-ING.) .- "Don't ing approached, and presently the cause became visible to our astonished eyes. Some crime. His project was to go to New Or- to me. "Yes, but what of it? It is, I sup- three or four hundred yards to our right, upon the brew of a small hill, a spotted leopard (commonly called in this country a rebel army. There was a story of his incamity, but several competent physicians seventy years since it was cut from this the Indian jungles,) came in view boundmade examination, and pronounced it with-out foundation in the truth. On Thursday your hair so much?"—"It has a story be-despuir, while close behind him followed an longing to it, and a strange one. I keep it enormous pack of baboons, from whose good spirits, and apparently indifferent to thus with care because it speaks to me more throats proceeded the demonstral sounds his impending fate. Friday, at 31 o'clock, of God and His special care than anything that had a few seconds before startled us. and an expansive field on the Leesburgh clse I possess. I was a little child of four Our excitement in the chase, as you may tumpike, near to the Fairfax Theological years old, with long, carly locks, which, in suppose, was intense. On went the tiger, Seminary, were chosen by Gen. Eranklin, sun or rain or wind, hung down my cheeks making for the river, the baboons following to whose division Johnson belonged, as the uncovered. One day my father went into like averging demons, and evid ntly gainto whose division Johnson belonged, as the sime and place of his execution. In accordance with military custom be had been ordered to be "shot to death by musketry," rather at his side, watching with interest increase his terror and speed. They reand the entire division, consisting of the brigades of Gen. Slocum. Newton and and came down upon the wood, sending off and with a tremendous bound he cast him-Kearney, in all nearly ten thousand men-was to be assembled to witness the sorrowengerly steeped to pick them up. In doing pursuers, in admirable confusion, were structiling after him, and as the tiger, now The afternoon was beautiful beyond de-scription. Mild and mellow as an summer curly head by upon the log. I had fallen fearfully exhausted, clambered on the land time, the sun and skies conspired to make oons were close at his heels, though many of the pack (the old, the very young and

our sight behind the brow of the o bank; but their increased yelling, now as—three on horse-son is not always able to control the actions faithful companion, hurried up the sloping bad I been clam in such cases, I forced myself back a few sides of the crater. As we reached the by all. Shortly after 3 o'clock a procession be from his terror. We such that the stationary behind the hill, told us that the been claim in such cases, I toled in sides of the crairer. As we reached the below; and feet, but still remained near the opening, ridge above, the ground shook with a heavy beaded by Capt. Boyd, the provest marshal he from his terror. He caught me in his tiger had met his doorn, and their strong arms and jaws were tearing him limb from it should be too late. As the so lately stood. And then, without waiting foot, a wagon containing a coffin, another did not cross the river to be in at the death ; but, next morning, a few and scattered frag ments of flesh and skin showed what had been the tiger's fate. On our return home we were told by some Dutch gentlemen that such hunts are not uncommon when a tiger is rash enough to attack the young baboons, which often happens. All these creatures for miles around assemble and pursue their enemy with relentless fury to his death .- Sometimes the chase lasts for days ; but it invariably closes with the destruction of the tiger-a striking instance that the idea of retributive justice is not confined to man alone."

> The body of Rouget de Lisle, author of new cemetery of the village. His remains Patrick.-And who the divil are you now lie in a stone coffin, within which was deposited a leaden box containing a bronze medallion portrait, on whose reverse are ea-P.-And where the divil are you going graven the words and music of this immortal, soul-stirring, patriotic song. The tomb-S .- From the American army at Erie, stone bears this epitaph :- "Here lies Claude Rouget de Lisle, born at Lons-le-Saulmer, 1760, died at Choisy le Roi, 1836. When S.-Will you permit me to spread my the French revolution, in 1792, had to comblanket on your floor and sleep there to- bat kings, he gave it to conquer them, the song of the Marseillaise."

THE POISON OF SECESSION IN Er-Rope.-Tourlow Weed writes home from Paris as to the perverse public sentiment P.-I will be hanged if I do that, nither manufactured by secession agents ab-

" Evidence me-ts one everywhere that the public mind of Europe has been abused S .- Give me some water to quench my and perverted, that the cause of the war are either wholly misunderstood, or totally ignored. I have not yet met a foreigner who does not, in his conversation, present the question wrong end first-who does not North as the aggressor, and, of course, their sympalites are with the weaker se